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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

REF: STATE 195373 AND PANAMA 5332

1. THE EMBASSY SUBMITS ADDITIONAL DATA REQUESTED REFTEL.
A. PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION OF NOMINATION: MR. CONSTABLE
HAS HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE MEDIA FIELD BOTH PRESS AND
RADIO AND IS CONSIDERED AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN LOCAL PRESS CIRCLES.
OVER THE YEARS HE HAS COOPERATED CONSISTENTLY WITH USIS AND THE
EMBASSY, ON OCCASION GOING OUT OF HIS WAY TO OBTAIN PRESS PLACE-
MENT OF ITEMS DIRECTLY RELATED TO USG INTERESTS IN PANAMA AND THE
WESTERN HEMISPHERE. AS STATED IN PANAMA 5332, MR. CONSTABLE
WILL SOON BE NAMED CHIEF EDITOR OF THE ENGLISH DAILY, THE STAR &
HERALD. A VISIT AT THIS TIME TO OBSERVE MEDIA, ECONOMIC AND
POLITICAL TRENDS WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THE VISITOR AND THE U.S. MISSION.

B. VISITORS PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: MR. CONSTABLE WISHES TO
FOCUS ON THE OVERALL OPERATION OF NEWSROOMS OF NEWSPAPERS AND
RADIO STATIONS IN CITIES OF MODERATE SIZE (EX: SACRAMENTO).
HE HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO VISIT, BESIDES WASHINGTON, NEW YORK,
SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, RENO AND NEW ORLEANS.
HIS AVOIATIONAL INTERESTS INCLUDE MUSICAL THEATER AND JAZZ. HE
SPECIFICALLY ASKED TO BE IN BROOKLYN ON LABOR DAY TO VIEW A
FESTIVAL PARADE SPONSORED BY PANAMANIAN AND WEST INDIAN
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C. POST'S PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: IN WASHINGTON MR. CONSTABLE SHOULD MEET WITH MR. MELVIN NISWANDER AND MOE GARCIA AT VOA AND WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICERS AT ILA. SUGGEST VISITS TO THE CORRESPONDENT'S CENTER, TO WTOP (RAY STRICKLAND), AND THE THE CAPITOL TO CONFER WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS ABOUT THE PANAMA CANAL ISSUE. EX., STROM THURMOND, KEITH SIMMS, MICHAEL J. HARRINGTON, DANTE B. FASCELL AND CHARLES R. WHELAN.

HE SHOULD ALSO VISIT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO CONFER WITH OFFICERS OF THE PANAMA DESK.

IN NEW YORK SUGGEST A ROUTINE VISIT TO THE TIMES; TO A SESSION OF THE UNGA (IF OPEN) AND TO THE CENTER FOR INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS. IN SAN FRANCISCO A VISIT TO THE HOOVER INSTITUTION ON WAR, REVOLUTION AND PEACE.

OTHER CITIES THE PROGRAMMING AGENCY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER:

ST. LOUIS TO VISIT THE POST DISPATCH AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM.

TUCSON: WHERE MR. RICHARD SALVATIERRA, FORMER USIA OFFICER, WORKS AT THE TUCSON DAILY CITIZEN.

D. OTHER ACTIVITIES: A DAY ON ELECTIONEERING TRAIL; OBSERVATION OF A MAJOR BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM; PROGRAM AT KENNEDY CENTER; SELECTED HISTORIC SITES: MT. VERNON, GETTYSBURG; THE OAS; CONTACT WITH THE CHICANO COMMUNITY.

E. THE EMBASSY HOPES MR. CONSTABLE WOULD ACQUIRE SOME FLAVOR OF THE LIFE IN THE US -- ITS SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL ASPECTS --IN BOTH LARGE AND SMALL CITIES. WITHOUT EXCESSIVE LOSS OF TIME SOME TRAVEL BY SURFACE SHOULD BE INCLUDED AND SOME HOME HOSPITALITY.

F. MR. CONSTABLE SHOULD NOT BE PROGRAMMED BY ILAB INASMUCH AS HE ENGAGED IN LABOR MATTERS DURING ONLY A BRIEF PERIOD OF HIS LONG CAREER.

G. VISA ELIGIBILITY: PENDING.

H. NO PRIOR US GRANT.

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